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My Dear Friend May:

I would most gladly respond to the kind invitation, which ^{have} you tendered me, by assembling with my dear old friends, the members of the Massachusetts A. S. Society, on the fourth July; but regret to say that I shall be deprived of ^{that} pleasure - by a previous appointment, which takes me to Cincinnati on that day. While this arrangement, perhaps, will be even more advantageous to our common cause - since it will enable us to be heard east and west at the same time - I do not miss the opportunity of seeing my old friends without a pang. I shall be most happy to attend some of your contemplated one hundred conventions - though I fear that my duties at home - and especially those connected with my paper will make it impossible for me to attend many.

I am most sincerely
Yours
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